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O N E

It was the night of the Gathering.

T W O

Quailstar impatiently flicked his ears.

T H R E E

"Be patient, Quailstar," Poppystar chided.

F O U R

But how was he supposed to be patient?

F I V E

They had been waiting for a long time.

S I X

"This is ridiculous! DawnClan has always been a little late, but never *this* late," Quailstar complained.

SEVEN

Just then, a rustling sound came from the edge of the clearing.

E I G H T

Quailstar felt his throat close up when he saw who entered.

NINE

A beautiful brown she-cat stepped in, her long fur giving an ethereal glow under the moonlight.

T E N

Quailstar was awestruck.

E L E V E N

"Wait, where is Owlstar? And Hawkwhisker?" Poppystar mewed, his hazel eyes scanning the DawnClan cats.

T W E L V E

But all Quailstar could focus on was the way the she-cat's light green eyes looked as she stepped closer...

THIRTEEN

Wait... Why is she coming this way..?

F O U R T E E N

She stopped right in front of Quailstar and Poppystar.

F I F T E E N

"My apologies for being late," the she-cat mewed, dipping her head to the two leaders.

SIXTEEN

Why is she here?

S E V E N T E E N

"I'm sorry, but where is Owlstar? And Hawkwhisker?" Poppystar stated, peering around the she-cat.

E I G H T E E N

"I'm... afraid they both passed. I am Mintstar, the new leader. My deputy is Dewfeather," the brown she-cat replied.

N I N E T E E N

What... How? Owlstar was young...

T W E N T Y

"Rogues came and attacked our camp. Owlstar and Hawkwhisker both sacrificed their lives to save the Clan," Mintstar said quietly, her eyes downcast.

T W E N T Y O N E

I guess that answers my question.

T W E N T Y T W O

"I'm... I give you my condolences," Quailstar mewed, shock still jumbling his thoughts. Poppystar murmured similar words.

T W E N T Y T H R E E

"We should get started," Poppystar mewed after a moment of silence. "We can discuss what happened later."

T W E N T Y F O U R

After that night, Quailstar couldn't seem to get the DawnClan leader out of his head. It didn't help when he would see her at every Gathering, and they were neighboring Clans.

T W E N T Y F I V E

He tried to. Many times.

T W E N T Y S I X

He knew it was against the code to be in love with a cat from another Clan.

T W E N T Y S E V E N

For StarClan's sake, he was ThornClan's leader!

T W E N T Y E I G H T

But he couldn't stop thinking about her.

TWENTYNINE

After several days, Quailstar gets a visit from the DawnClan leader herself.

THIRTY

"I must speak with you," Mintstar said urgently. Quailstar felt his heart race.

T H I R T Y O N E

"Of course," he gestured with his head to his den, "come with me."

T H I R T Y T W O

"I need some advice," Mintstar confessed when they entered the den, looking embarrassed.

THIRTYTHREE

Quailstar felt pride fill his chest. *She came to **me** for advice.*

T H I R T Y F O U R

"What do you need help with?" Quailstar asked, trying not to sound too eager.

T H I R T Y F I V E

"The rogues continue to trespass on our territory. I'm afraid they will try to invade again soon."

T H I R T Y S I X

"Everyone is depending on me, but I'm absolutely clueless," Mintstar looked like she was about to wail.

THIRTYSEVEN

Quailstar felt the need to comfort the she-cat, but refrained himself.

T H I R T Y E I G H T

Instead, he asked, "Maybe I can lend some help. I'll send a patrol of warriors to your Clan, and we can attack the rogues and chase them away from Clan territory."

THIRTYNINE

Mintstar's eyes widened. "You would do that?" She asked.

F O U R T Y

Quailstar felt his pelt burn. "Yeah, I mean, these rogues seem to be a serious threat."

F O U R T Y O N E

"Perhaps we should consult with Poppystar as well," Mintstar mused. Quailstar shuffled his paws.

F O U R T Y T W O

"Uh- yeah, that sounds like a good idea," Quailstar wanted to yell no, but he felt that was wrong and selfish.

F O U R T Y T H R E E

The three Clan leaders met up, and made a plan to attack the rogue camp. They were to attack that night.

F O U R T Y F O U R

Quailstar waited next to the other two leaders, his gray and white pelt fluffed up to the chilly wind.

F O U R T Y F I V E

"We split into three groups, surrounding the camp. When I give the signal, we attack," Poppystar whispered, his white-flecked black pelt shimmering like silverpelt in the moonlight.

F O U R T Y S I X

Quailstar waited for the signal on the south end of the camp.

F O U R T Y S E V E N

Three.

F O U R T Y E I G H T

Two.

F O U R T Y N I N E

One.

F I F T Y

"Attack!"

F I F T Y O N E

Quailstar sprung forward, his Clan close behind.

F I F T Y T W O

Quailstar fought harder than he ever had before.

F I F T Y T H R E E

But he stopped dead in his tracks when he came across a familiar face.

F I F T Y F O U R

"Owlstar?"

F I F T Y F I V E

The former DawnClan leader looked desperate. "Quailstar! Please, you have to listen to me. Mintheart-"

F I F T Y S I X

Mintstar stepped through the throng of cats fighting.

F I F T Y S E V E N

"You betrayed your Clan, Owlstar," The she-cat hissed.

F I F T Y E I G H T

"I fell in love!" Owlstar retorted.

F I F T Y N I N E

"With a rogue!" Mintstar retorted. "That goes against the warrior code."

S I X T Y

Quailstar felt his throat close up. "W-what?" He whispered.

S I X T Y O N E

"Quailstar, she is a lunatic! She killed Hawkwhisker. I barely got away with my life!" Owlstar meowed urgently.

S I X T Y T W O

"Shut it, traitor!" Mintstar hissed. "You chose an outsider, a *rogue*, over your own Clan."

S I X T Y T H R E E

"I-" Quailstar gulped. "I don't understand."

S I X T Y F O U R

"Owlstar fell in love with a rogue. He was going to leave DawnClan, leave *me*!" Mintstar yowled.

S I X T Y F I V E

"I wasn't going to leave, Mintheart," Owlstar replied. "You killed Hawkwhisker, and tried to kill me. I had no choice."

S I X T Y S I X

"You abandoned your Clan. Your daughter," Mintstar growled. "You don't deserve sympathy."

S I X T Y S E V E N

"You deserve to *die*."

S I X T Y E I G H T

Before Quailstar could think, Mintstar lunged forward.

S I X T Y N I N E

Owlstar staggered back. Blood spurted from his throat.

SEVENTY

With a shuddering breath, Owlstar fell over, his eyes glazed over. Quailstar felt bile rise in his throat.

S E V E N T Y O N E

Mintstar stepped back, sheathing her claws.

S E V E N T Y T W O

"It's what he deserved," Mintstar stated, looking at Quailstar with a glint in her eyes. "You understand, right?"

SEVENTYTHREE

Quailstar gulped. He glanced back at the former DawnClan leader. They had been *friends*.

S E V E N T Y F O U R

"Look at me!" Mintstar hissed. Quailstar quickly snapped his gaze to her. "I thought you would understand."

S E V E N T Y F I V E

"I-I understand!" Quailstar stuttered, his chest lurching.

S E V E N T Y S I X

"No, you don't. Because you're just like him."

S E V E N T Y S E V E N

Quailstar took a step back. "What do you mean?"

S E V E N T Y E I G H T

"You fell in love with a cat from another Clan."

S E V E N T Y N I N E

Quailstar felt dread fill his chest. "I-"

E I G H T Y

"Did you think I wouldn't realize it?" Mintstar interrupted with a purr in amusement. "You were painfully obvious."

E I G H T Y O N E

"The way you looked when I came to that first Gathering."

E I G H T Y T W O

"And how you acted each time we saw each other. Not to mention you all but jumped to help me!" She said with malice.

E I G H T Y T H R E E

Quailstar swallowed thickly. "What are you going to do to me?"

E I G H T Y F O U R

"Isn't it obvious?" The brown she-cat looked offended. "You are just like Owlstar. You have broken the warrior code."

E I G H T Y F I V E

"You must die."

E I G H T Y S I X

"Enough, Mintstar!"

E I G H T Y S E V E N

Quailstar whipped his head to his left.

E I G H T Y E I G H T

Poppystar glared at Mintstar. "For the crimes you have committed against your Clan as well as the entire forest, you are hereby banished."

E I G H T Y N I N E

Mintstar sneered. "You can't banish me!" She hissed.

N I N E T Y

"But StarClan can," Poppystar replied smoothly. "Mapleleaf had a vision. StarClan told him of your plans. And they said to either make you leave-" the black tom unsheathed his claws. "-or kill you."

N I N E T Y O N E

Mintstar stepped back. "You're lying." She began shaking her head. "*You're lying!*" She screeched as she leapt forward.

N I N E T Y T W O

Poppystar quickly dodged her, and before Quailstar knew it, Mintstar was on the ground, lifeless.

N I N E T Y T H R E E

Poppystar stepped back, his eyes solemn. "It wasn't her fault. She had an illness," he stated. "She was dying, and it caused her to go insane."

N I N E T Y F O U R

Quailstar peered at the other tom. "How do you know all this?"

N I N E T Y F I V E

"Her deputy told me," Poppystar mewed. He pressed his tail to Quailstar's shoulders in comfort. "Come. It's over."

N I N E T Y S I X

Quailstar numbly followed the MistClan leader. Thoughts raced through his head.

N I N E T Y S E V E N

But one thought was clear.

N I N E T Y E I G H T

Quailstar would never fall in love again.

T H E E N D

Facts:

Quailstar is a dark gray and white tom. He has amber eyes and a missing tail. He is also bisexual.

Mintstar was a light brown she-cat with darker flecks and white paws. She has long fur and light green eyes. She was also aromantic asexual. She was originally going to be panromantic asexual.

Mintstar had both cancer and borderline personality disorder.

Poppystar is a trans tom with black fur with white specks. He has hazel eyes and a scar on his chest. He is also pansexual.

The three Clans were ThornClan, DawnClan, and MistClan.

Mintstar was so upset about Owlstar falling for a rogue because she was his daughter and thought he was going to leave her.

Mintstar never actually received nine lives. She took the role of leader by force, and wasn't granted any lives by StarClan. Her warrior name was Mintheart.

Mintstar's mother died of cancer when she was at a young age. Owlstar had tried to raise her by himself but struggled given his status as leader.

Mintstar's deputy, Dewfeather, became leader after her, and he made the Clan prosper during his time as leader. He became known as one of the best leaders of the Clans.

Shortly after everything happened, Quailstar stepped down as ThornClan's leader and became a rogue due to his deep guilt for falling into Mintstar's trap. Despite this, he was welcome into StarClan's ranks when he died.

Quailstar's deputy, Lilysplash, became leader after he left, and she was known as being a kind leader but strict given what happened with the previous leader.

Mintstar went to the Dark Forest for her crimes, although cats were somewhat sympathetic because of her mental illness.

Poppystar has a mate, a trans she-cat with a gray tabby pelt named Ashspring.

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End note: I hope you enjoyed this! I honestly really enjoy this new style of writing warriors fan fiction. It is very aesthetic to me, and I honestly think I will be writing more. It helps me get my creative juices flowing lol. Anyway, this is my entry into my little challenge! It's called the warrior cats mental health awareness challenge, or #wcmentalhealthawareness challenge. In case you want to know about it, go check it out on my profile. Wink wink. Lol

Anyway, til next time, dearies!

~Gallie

ALSO:

I have not been able to comment on this story (or any story) AT ALL, so if you comment something and I don't reply, that is why. I honestly am so done with Wattpad and it's glitchy ways. I would have had this published and finished much sooner if Wattpad hadn't messed up the saved chapters I had and made them say the same thing like two or three times in a row.

So, please know that I do see every last comment, and vote, and I appreciate it SO MUCH. Thank you all. I love my readers so much. Since you guys are not only readers, but my fellow fans in this trash cat fandom.

Ok, I'm done now. Sorry for the little rant, I'm just frustrated with Wattpad.
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